

REMARKS

In view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance.

I. Status of the Claims

Claims 1-26 have been cancelled herein without prejudice. New claims 27-53 have been added. New claims 27-53 are fully supported by originally filed claims 1-26 as well as the Specification. No new matter has been added.

II. Claim Objections and Rejections

The objections to claims 1, 4 and 25 and the rejections of claims 1-26 under 35 U.S.C. § 112 have been rendered moot as claims 1-26 have been cancelled herein. It is respectfully submitted that new claims 27-53 fully comply with 35 U.S.C. § 112. Withdrawal of the objections and rejections is respectfully requested.

III. Objection to the Specification

The Specification has been amended as suggested in the Office Action. Accordingly, withdrawal of the objection to the Specification is respectfully requested.

IV. Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants thank the Examiner for the indication of allowable subject matter in claims 1-26. New claims 27-53 includes features similar to features included in cancelled claims 1-26 and accordingly Applicants respectfully submit that claims 27-53 also contain allowable subject matter.

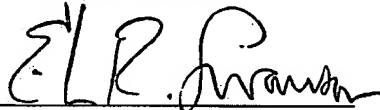
CONCLUSION

Each and every point raised in the Office Action dated May 24, 2001 has been addressed on the basis of the above amendments and remarks. In view of the foregoing it is believed that claims 27-53 are in condition for allowance and it is respectfully requested that claims 27-53 be allowed and the case passed to issue.

If there are any other issues remaining which the Examiner believes could be resolved through a Supplemental Response or an Examiner's Amendment, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number indicated below.

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Respectfully submitted,

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